

**REMARKS:**

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

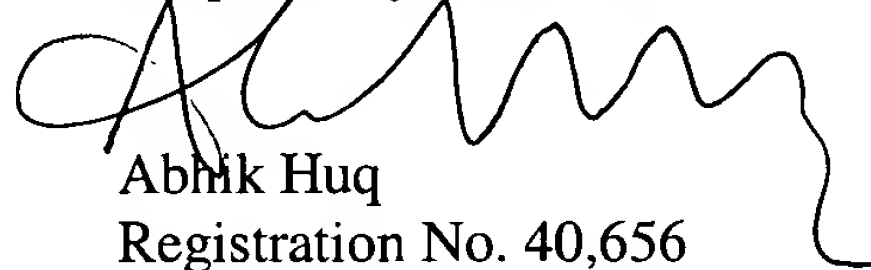
The status of the claims, assuming entry of the amendment, is as follows:

<b>Amended:</b>	1, 2, 8, 23
<b>Cancelled:</b>	19
<b>New:</b>	None
<b>Pending:</b>	1-18, 20-23
<b>Allowed:</b>	9-15, 22

**Conclusion**

In light of the above discussion and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.<sup>2</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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